THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) Prisons is a State subject under List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. Accordingly, prisons and prisoners are administrated by the State Governments as per the Prisons Act, 1894 and provisions of the Jail manuals framed or adopted by different States. Hence no such information is maintained centrally. However, usually as per the provisions in the State Prison Manuals, a child upto the age of 6 years may remain with his mother in prison if no other arrangements, for keeping him with relatives or otherwise, can be made. No such child is admitted into or retained in prison, if he has attained the age of six years. Generally, the State Prisons handover the children beyond six years of age to their relatives, failing which States Prison Department request their Social Welfare Department to place them in a home run by the Social Welfare Department or seek the assistance of NGOs, in this matter.

(d) and (e) No such guidelines issued by the Supreme Court have been received in the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, State Governments provide such children basic facilities such as nutritious diet, medical care and education, etc.

Ministries/Deptts. created in States for Calamity Management

815. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such States where separate Ministries/Departments have been created for calamity management;

(b) the details of amount provided to these Ministries/Departments during the last two years;

(c) whether any norms have been formulated to identify the works to be done under calamity management; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken to assure the compliance of these norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) The Governments of Andhra

Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Andaman and Nicobar Administration have redesignated the existing Relief and Rehabilitation/ Revenue Departments so as to include Disaster Management also in the names of the respective departments. The Government of Uttaranchal have created a Department of Disaster Management. The Government of Nagaland have redesignated the present Relief and Rehabilitation Branch under the Home Departments as the Relief Rehabilitation and Disaster Management Branch.

(b) The Central Government have not provided any financial support for the creation/redesignation of these Departments.

(c) Government of India have issued guidelines to State Governments/ UT Administrations recommending, *inter alia*, implementation of in institutional measures for coordinated action towards prevention, mitigation, preparedness and response to disasters, setting up of specialized search and rescue teams, training the awareness generation at different levels, developing fire services as multi-hazard response units, setting up of control rooms with standby communication systems, drawing up of hazard specific disaster management plans, mainstreaming disaster mitigation aspects in all development projects, ensuring adherence to BIS standards/codes in construction of buildings in seismic zones III, IV & V, constructing earmarking cyclone and flood shelters, maintaining an on-line inventory of resources etc.

(d) Regular inter-action is maintained with State Governments to monitor the steps taken by them to strengthen their capacity for disaster management. 169 most hazard prone districts in 17 States are being assisted under the Government of India-UNDP Disaster Risk Management Programme in capacity building, awareness generation and preparation of disaster management plans at State/District/Block/Village/Ward/Urban Local Bodies levels. The State Governments have been allowed to utilize upto 10% of the annual allocation made to their Calamity Relief Fund for purchase of equipments for the specialist Search and Rescue teams. The State Governments have also been permitted to utilize the funds made available under the modernization of police forces scheme for equipping the Control Rooms at State/District levels. Technical and logistic support to facilitate action by States in pursuance of the guidelines issued by the Government is also being provided.